

4. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said extension body has an outer periphery which has a regular polygonal shape.

5. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surface of the extension body consists of substantially the same material as the substrate of the optical storage disc.

6. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surface of the extension body consists of a material to which the coating adheres relatively poorly.

7. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said extension body is composed of at least two parts with surfaces substantially flush with the first surface of the substrate.

8. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the liquid is solidified by exposure to UV light.

9. (amended) The circular optical disc manufactured by the method of:

providing a substrate with a first surface and a periphery; and

providing a coating on the first surface by applying a liquid, rotating the substrate, and solidifying the liquid; and wherein:

when applying the liquid onto the first surface, the substrate is present in a separate extension body;

the extension body has substantially circumferentially contact with the periphery of the substrate;

the extension body has a surface substantially flush with the first surface of the substrate;

after at least partial solidification of the liquid, the extension body and the substrate are separated; and

the substrate is substantially free from optical birefringence in a few mm broad peripheral zone.

Please add the following new claims:

10. A circular optical disc manufactured by the method of: providing a substrate with a first surface and a periphery;

and

providing a coating on the first surface by applying a liquid, rotating the substrate, and solidifying the liquid; and wherein:

when applying the liquid onto the first surface, the substrate is present in a separate extension body;

the extension body has substantially circumferentially contact with the periphery of the substrate;

the extension body has a surface substantially flush with the first surface of the substrate;

after at least partial solidification of the liquid, the extension body and the substrate are separated; and the physical properties of the coating indicate that it was formed by solidification during rotation.

11. A circular optical disc manufactured by the method of:
providing a substrate with a first surface and a periphery;
and

providing a coating on the first surface by applying a liquid, rotating the substrate, and solidifying the liquid; and wherein:

when applying the liquid onto the first surface, the substrate is present in a separate extension body;

the extension body having substantially circumferentially contact with the periphery of the substrate;

the extension body having a surface substantially flush with the first surface of the substrate;

after at least partial solidification of the liquid, the extension body and the substrate are separated; and

the physical properties of the coating indicate that it was separated from the extension body after the at least partial solidification.

12. The optical disc of claim 9 wherein, a material of the coating is solidifiable by exposure to UV light.

13. The optical disc of claim 10 wherein, a material of the coating is solidifiable by exposure to UV light.

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REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendment and reconsideration in view of the amendment and the following remarks.

In response to the requirement to elect one of either the invention of group I of claims 1-8 or the invention of group 2 of claim 9, applicant elects the invention of group I of claims 1-8, for prosecution at this time.

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement because according to MPEP 803 "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes